GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DEPLOYMENT OF GUARDS IN FOREST RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to deploy home guards in forest reserves where tigers have shown a declining trend;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the concerned State Governments have totally failed to protect the forest reserves;

(d) if so, whether the security aspect of all the forest reserves would be taken over by the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger there is a provision for providing Central Assistance to deploy anti-poaching squads/special strike force to complement the protection initiatives of local field staff in tiger reserves if the situation so warrants.

(c) No Sir.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.